

REMARKS

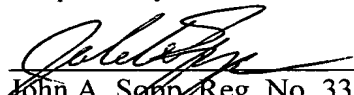
Claim 11, which was dependent on claim 17 but otherwise indicated to be allowable, is rewritten in independent form by incorporating the recitation of claim 17 in addition to its previous recitation. Claim 17, the sole claim remaining rejected in the application, is canceled.

It is submitted that the above amendment would put the application in condition for allowance since it cancels the only claim not already allowed in the application. The amendment does not raise new issues or present new matter and does not present additional claims. The amendment has been made to direct the claims to the allowed subject matter indicated in the Final Office Action and, thus, was not earlier presented. Accordingly, it is submitted that the requested amendment should be entered.

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. But the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any unresolved matters.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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